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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 3, 2004, where a three month shortened statutory period was set for response, extendible up to six months from the mailing date of the Office Action. It is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136 that the time permitted for response be extended by zero (0) months, so that such period will now expire on October 3, 2004, and, therefore, no fee is due. If it is determined, however, that any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Reply, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.